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1. Location: The Kirov Ammunition Factory is three to four kilometers southeast of Kirov, outside of the city limits.
2. Installations (See Attachments I and II for description and map of individual installations.): By October 1947 the erection of the plant, reportedly begun in 1941, was completed except for the workshop outside the yards which should have been finished sometime in 1948. All of the buildings except Shops III and IV are wooden. Ninety percent of the plant's equipment is made up of special, modern, efficient machines of American origin, although the machinery has suffered from careless handling. The work is facilitated by modern transportation equipment, including an electrically driven conveyor device for production, small cable cars, etc. The plant has a number of railway spurs, but [redacted] never observed any special plant-owned locomotives. Loading devices are modern and practical. A power line from the city brings electricity to the factory.

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3. Production: The factory produces what is reportedly a considerable number of 105 mm shells, but [redacted] unable to give any exact production figures. Since 1946, a limited amount of agricultural equipment, particularly harrows and cultivators, has also been manufactured.

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4. Management and Personnel: Several officers appeared to be in charge of the plant, and [redacted] it is directly under the Army. [redacted] the enterprise employed 3,000 to 4,000 men, who worked three eight-hour shifts a day. In addition there were approximately 100 PWs used in the plant.

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5. Security Measures: The plant is closely guarded, and the fence surrounding the work yard is dotted with watch towers. Women as well as men are in the guard force.

Comment: The Kirov Ammunition Factory #324 is located three to four kilometers southwest of the city.

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Attachment I

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KIROV AMMUNITION FACTORY INSTALLATIONS

Key to Map in Attachment II

1. The barracks of PW Camp Nr. 7217/4, which, in October 1947, accommodated approximately 1400 men, including originally Hungarians and Rumanians as well as Germans.
2. Guard building.
3. Offices.
4. Scrap metal and turnings dump, 100 x 250 meters.
5. Shop for special repair work, 150 x 50 meters.
6. Boiler house, used for heating purposes.
7. Transformer station, from which two power lines lead.
8. Water works with electric pumps.
9. Shop which produces slagstone for construction purposes.
10. Breaker shop, where the iron ingots are broken into the 22 centimeter-long pieces necessary for shells.
11. Shop I, 150 x 50 meter wooden building, equipped with four hammer furnaces and with hydraulic presses. Here the raw pieces are rolled into the correct form.
12. Shop II, 150 x 50 meter wooden building, housing the rough turnery (Grob-dreherei), where the shells are "planed off" ("abgeschrubbt").
13. Shop III, 150 x 50 meter stone building, containing the forge where the so-called "packing" ("Stauchung") of the shells takes place. Here the upper parts of the pieces still having a uniform diameter are heated and pressed into a pointed shape.
14. Shop IV, 150 x 50 meter stone building, housing the finishing turnery (Fertigdreherei), where the final shell forms are produced.
15. 100 x 50 meter wooden carpentry shop, where packing cases are made.
16. Packing room, 100 x 50 meters.
17. 150 x 50 meter warehouse, where the packed shells are stored until dispatched.
18. 150 x 50 meter stone workshop, still under construction in October 1947 but probably completed some time in 1948.

—•—•— High tension power line.

— — — — — Railroad spurs.

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Attachment II

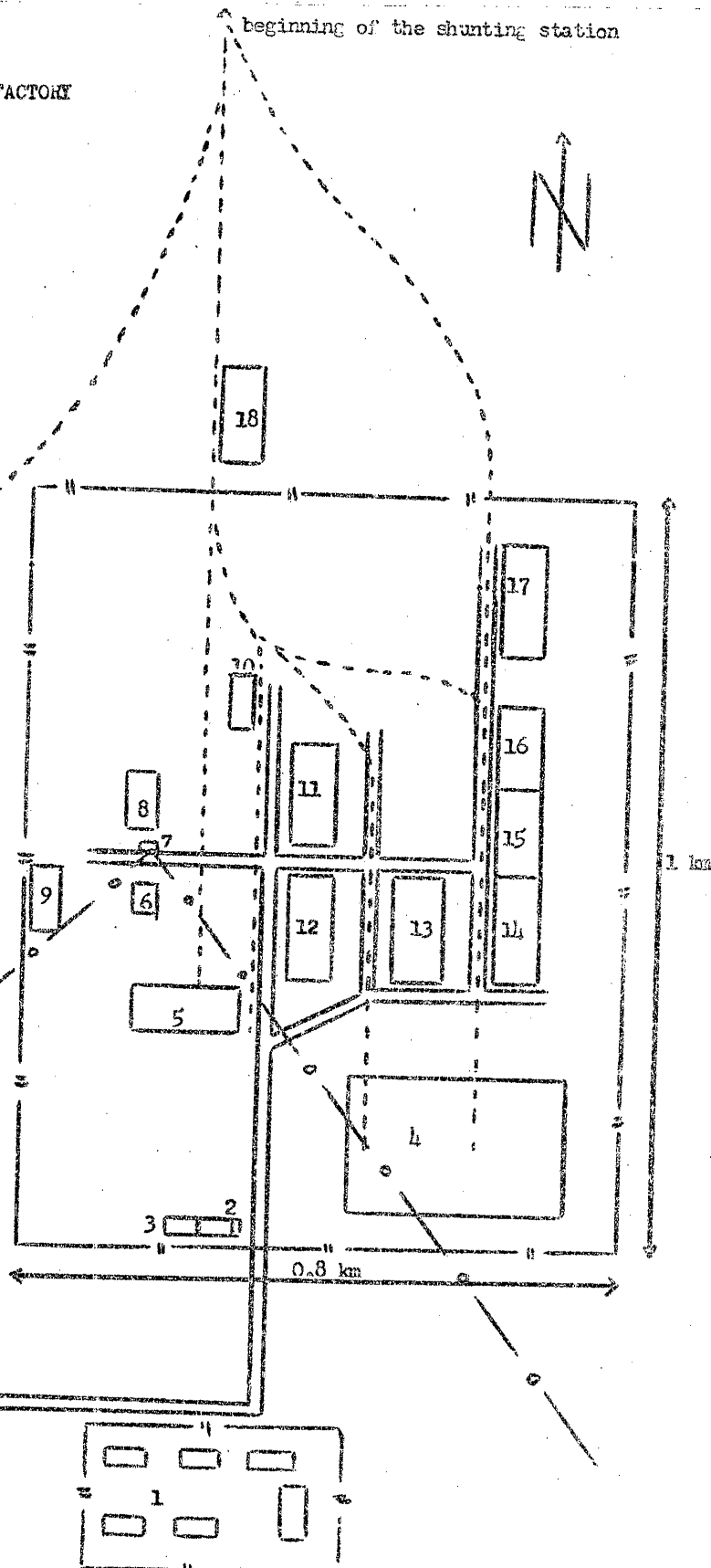
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